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Statement from Governor Vilsack

“It is the responsibility of state government to balance the needs of the vital pork industry while ensuring that local producers can remain competitive. This settlement supports that industry by strengthening the ability of Iowa pork producers to make a profit while promoting the best environmental practices and innovations in swine production.”



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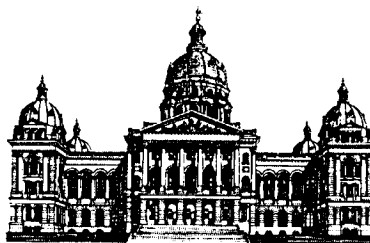
**Statement from Senate Democratic Leader Mike Gronstal
regarding the settlement between
Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller and Smithfield Foods**

“I am very pleased that this litigation has been resolved in a manner that recognizes the need for fairness in swine production contracts. The agreement provides important protections for hog producers in contract arrangements with Smithfield and should be a model for production contracting in Iowa.”

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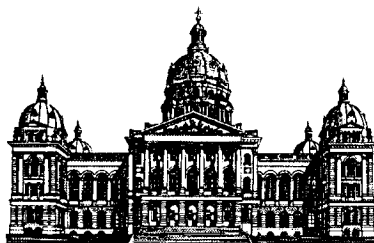
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Statement of House Speaker Christopher Rants

“I am happy to see that the Attorney General and Smithfield have reached a settlement that ends this litigation and brings a degree of certainty to Iowa’s hog farming industry. I am particularly gratified that through this agreement we get additional resources to help promote best environmental practices on Iowa hog farms and that Smithfield will be a partner with the State of Iowa in seeking innovative ways to advance swine production here in Iowa.”

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Des Moines, IA – Statement of Senate Republican Leader, Senator Stewart Iverson, Jr., (R SD-5) Clarion, regarding the settlement between Smithfield Foods and the Iowa Attorney General:

“The Settlement announced today is good for Iowa, good for Iowa farmers and good for the hog industry in Iowa. It helps ensure that Iowa will continue to be the nation’s leading hog production state by providing Iowa hog farmers a stable, secure market for their hogs, and giving them the protection they need to maximize their profits.”